auction is wet land which has been lying uncultivated for more than three years and which has thus recuperated itself and become again capable of yielding a good crop.

Per contra, Mr. Patel Nagappa of Turuvekere stated that the present rule was all right.

Reply of Government.—The present Rule appears to work satisfactorily. No change is called for.

Subject No. 115

Modification of para V of Rule XXXVII of Land Revenue Rules about recovery of Revenue.

Summary of discussion.—Para 5 of Rule XXXVII of the Land Revenue Rules makes it difficult for raiyats to secure tenants and may therefore be modified.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done.

Subject No. 116

(a) Darkhast for Banjar lands.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) To prevent delays, disputes and animus, an upset price may be fixed once for all on all Banjar lands so that darkhasts may be granted as soon as they are presented and on payment of such upset price.

Per contra, Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandit of Mysore stated that the system of holding public sales was good as otherwise there would be secret disposal of lands with the connivance of patels and shanbhogs.

Mr. Chinnappa of Srinivasapur stated that public sales were disadvantageous to poor raiyats.

Reply of Government.—Deputy Commissioners have ample discretion in the matter of granting lands and can whenever they think fit dispense with a public sale. No modification of the rules on the subject is called for.

(b) Disposal of Government waste lands without sale.

Summary of discussion.—(*b*) (1) Such lands should be given to the first applicant on payment of the price of trees, &c., standing thereon.

(2) Kharab lands may be given for an upset price to such persons as may get them measured and demarcated at their own cost.

(3) When applications are made for Government waste lands which are not included in forests, the practice of asking the opinion of the officers of the Forest Department may be discontinued and the lands may be disposed of in the ordinary course.

(c) Amildars' Powers to grant lands for an upset price.

(*c*) To prevent delay in the disposal of darkhasts, Amildars may be authorized to grant lands for cultivation within certain limits on payment of an upset price.

Reply of Government.—(*b*) & (*c*) The Rules require no modification. Due provision is made for refund of cost of measurement and demarcation to the prior unsuccessful applicant. The request that Amildars be vested with discretion to some extent is noted for enquiry and consideration.